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1. REFTEL REPORTS ICCS URGENT REQUEST FOR FUNDS WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS AND LACK OF DRV/PRG RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTION ARREARS. (REQUEST TO DRV SENT INDIRECTLY THROUGH POLDEL.) WE UNDERSTAND IT WILL BE MOST DIFFICULT FOR US TO MAKE FURTHER CONTRIBUTION UNTIL DRV/PRG ARREARS MADE UP. ACCORDINGLY RECOMMEND IMMEDIATE HIGH LEVEL APPROACH TO DRV TO PAY ARREARS AND COMMIT THEMSELVES TO PAY THEIR SHARE OF ASSESSMENTS OF ICCS BUDGET FOR REST OF YEAR.

2. DRV CLEARLY ABLE TO RAISE FUNDS FROM ITS MAJOR AID DONORS IF IT HAS WILL AND INTENTION TO DO SO. BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL FOR IMMEDIATE PLANNING PURPOSES SMOKE OUT DRV INTENTIONS THIS RESPECT. IF DRV/PRG INTEND SABOTAGE ICCS BY NON-PAYMENT, SOONER WE KNOW THE BETTER.

3. IF USG DECIDES OVER-RIDING US NATIONAL INTEREST REQUIRES MAINTAINING VIABILITY ICCS DESPITE COMMUNIST PAYMENT ARREARS, QUESTION ARISES WHERE OBTAIN FUNDS WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS, RPT NEXT TWO WEEKS. ASSUME WE CAN NO LONGER TAP FAA CONTINGENCY

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FUND, AND FUNDS FOR IO CONTRIBUTIONS NOT YET AVAILABLE. THERE-

FORE SUGGEST OBTAINING OR BORROWING MONEY FROM FY 1974 MASF
FUNDS FOR VIETNAM. ASSUME SUCH SUGGESTION WOULD BE STRONGLY
RESISTED BY DOD AND DETERMINATION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE AT
HIGH LEVEL IN USG.
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